

**ABSTRACT**

A tampon for feminine hygiene having an insertion end, a withdrawal end, a longitudinal axis, and an outer surface. The tampon has compressed fibrous material. The outer surface of the tampon has a plurality of recessed portions. Each of the recessed portions has a length dimension, a first side wall, and a second side wall. The first side wall has a proximal end, an opposed distal end, and a wall dimension extending between the proximal end and the distal end. The second side wall has a proximal end, an opposed distal end, and a wall dimension extending between the proximal end and the distal end. The proximal ends of the first and second side walls intersect one another to form a vertex. The wall dimension of the first wall varies as measured along at least a portion of said length dimension.